II. Claim for Priority

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A Claim for Priority was filed on January 25, 1999 in parent Application No.

09/236,539 with a certified copy of the priority document for this application. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the certified copy in the next Office Action.

III. Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

The Office Action rejects claims 1-17 under obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-22 of the parent application, now U.S. Patent No. 6,633,399 to Fukazawa et al. A Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith to obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§102(e) and 103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2 and 4-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,219,150 to Eguchi; and rejects claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Eguchi in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,140,647 to Ise et al. (Ise). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

The present application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/236,539 (hereinafter "parent application"). The parent application and the present application claim priority of Japanese Patent Application No. Hei 10-019711 (JP '711), filed January 30, 1998, which is prior to the May 13, 1998 filing date of Eguchi. Therefore, Applicant's invention antedates the filing date of Eguchi. See MPEP §706.2(b). An accurate English-language translation of JP '711 is attached to perfect the claim for priority. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

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V. **Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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